

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

I am submitting herewith the Third Annual Report (for 1949) of the Indian Phytopathological Society. At the beginning of 1949 the membership was stated to stand at 201 of whom one was a patron, 26 life members and 174 ordinary members, one member resigned without paying his 1948 dues and 28 members failed to respond to numerous reminders for the payment of their 1948 subscriptions. They may be considered as having resigned the membership of the Society. The year thus actually began with 178 members. At the end of 1949 however there was one patron, 38 life members of whom five are paying their dues in instalments and 162 ordinary members. Of the latter, one died during the year and four have resigned their membership. This brings the total membership at the end of 1949 to 196 of whom 28 have yet to pay their 1949 dues. It is hoped that they will pay their dues, as early as possible.

Vol I No 1 and 2 of INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY were published during the year and mailed to all the members. About 150 copies of Issue No 1 were sent to different Universities, Experiment Stations and Research Institutes as complimentary copies. A little later, bills were sent to all of them hoping that they would like to receive the future issues of the Journal for their libraries. I am glad to say that 43 Institutions have paid their subscriptions and about 20 are about to send their subscriptions or have the matter under consideration.

Vol II No 1 of INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY which is for 1949 is now in the page-proof stage and it is hoped that it will be out by the end of March 1950. The press where the printing is being done has, however, abruptly raised its printing charges. Correspondence is going on with the press and unless a satisfactory solution is arrived at, it would not be possible to send manuscripts to that press and arrangements will have to be made with some other press for printing the Journal. The press also charged exorbitant rates for printing the reprints at which all the authors have strongly protested. This matter is also under correspondence. I am afraid our arrangements with the British India Press will have to be terminated as it is adopting a very unreasonable attitude. Their printing has also declined and the blocks for line drawings and half-tones have been most unsatisfactory in spite of the vigorous protests that I have made.

The year began with Rs. 8141/5/9. Of this amount Rs. 5,000/- were invested in National Cash Certificates and the Securities have been deposited

with the Lloyds' Bank. The balance to the credit of the Society was transformed into a Saving Bank Account so that the money could earn some interest. Receipts during the year amounted to about Rs. 3462/12/- and the expenses incurred have amounted to Rs. 2051/12/9 which include the charges for printing Vol I No 1 of INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY. No expenses were incurred during the year on clerical help, but the accounts for the years 1947 and 1948 were audited by a Chartered Accountant at a cost of Rs. 50/-. A statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1949 has been prepared but it has not been audited as the Hon'y Auditor, Dr. S. P. Rai Chowdhury, elected last year at Allahabad, was away on leave. I think the best thing would be to get the accounts for 1949 also properly audited by a Chartered Accountant. I must mention in this connection that several American cheques are still in the process of collection and the sum in the Savings Bank Account of the Society may actually be a little more. On December 23, 1949 the sum to the credit of the Society was Rs. 4,495/12/7 and cash in hand on the same date was Rs. 84/6/6. When the accounts are audited, the balance sheet will show the precise sums collected and spent and I have no doubt that the balance sheet will be published in an issue of the INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY.

In July 1949 I applied for subsidies, to print the Society's Journal, to the National Institute of Sciences of India and also the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. I have been informed demi-offically that a sum of Rs. 200 has been sanctioned by the National Institute of Sciences and another sum (the precise amount unknown) has been sanctioned by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. This Council stated that the Society should be registered under the Indian Companies Act before the subsidy would be made available and the Society was, therefore, registered at a cost of Rs. 50/- with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies Delhi Province.

It is expected that the charges for printing two issues of INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY will amount to not less than Rs. 2,800/- a year and it will not be possible to meet this expenditure unless there is a large membership and a greater number of subscribers. I regret to say that many of the Universities, Institutes and Colleges in India have not yet subscribed to the Journal of the Society. Unless the members help the Secretary-Treasurer by striving to get more members and more subscribers to the Journal, it will not only be not possible to increase the number of issues per volume but even to get two issues printed. I, therefore, hope that the new Secretary-Treasurer will be helped by all the members in securing not only more members and more subscribers but subsidies from the Universities and donations from those who may be inclined to help the Society.

The numbers of articles received for publication in Vol I No 1 and 2 and Vol II No 1 and 2 was satisfactory. But no articles have yet been received for Vol III No 1 as they have to go to the press by the end of March 1950. Unless suitable and good articles are sent by the members it will not be possible to keep INDIAN PHYTOPATHGLOGY alive. In any case the standard of the Journal must be kept very high and all articles that may be sent by members should be carefully scrutinised before they are published. I hope that the Editorial Board will always keep this high standard in mind.

During the year Dr. R. Prasada helped me considerably with the work of the Society for which I must express my thanks to him. Encouragement, suggestions and help were also received from Dr. S. R. Bose, President of the Society, to whom I wish to express my gratitude.

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